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SUBJECT: MONTONEROS DISCLAIM MORO KIDNAPPING INVOLVEMENT

1. THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A BRIEF DOCUMENT PURPORTING TO BE FROM THE MONTONEROS AND DISCLAIMING ANY INVOLVEMENT IN THE ALDO MORO KIDNAPPING AND ANY CONNECTION WITH THE RED BRIGADES. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE: IN THE LIGHT OF NEWS REPORTED IN LOCAL NEWS-PAPERS, THE MONTONERO PARTY THROUGH ITS PRESS SECRETARY, STATES THAT:

1) THE MONTONERO PARTY DENIES ANY CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPPING OF MR. ALDO MORO, PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

2) THE MONTONERO PARTY HAS NEVER HAD AND DOES NOT HAVE ANY CONNECTION OR AGREEMENTS WITH RED BRIGADES GROUPS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3) THE MONTONERO PARTY DENOUNCES A DEFAMATORY CAMPAIGN BY THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP OF THE ARMED FORCES HAVING THE PURPOSE OF ISOLATING US FROM INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES TOWARD

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SOLIDARITY AMONG THE PEOPLES AND DEMOCRATIC PARTIES,
ESPECIALLY IN WESTERN EUROPE.

QUOTE: TO ACHIEVE THIS END COMMUNIQUE SUPPOSEDLY
ORIGINATED IN THE MONTONERO ORGANIZATION HAVE
BEEN SENT TO THE MEDIA IN WHICH WE HAVE BEEN
MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING: THE KIDNAPPING
OF TWO FRENCH NUNS (IT TOOK PLACE IN BUENOS AIRES
AND THE ARMED FORCES INTELLIGENCE SERVICES ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS) AND OUR DIRECT OR INDIRECT
PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT BY THE GERMAN
BAADER-MEINHOF GROUPS, AS WELL AS OUR ENLISTING IN AN
ORGANIZATION CALLED "THE INTERNATIONAL OF TERROR."
THIS TYPE OF COMMUNIQUE IS PREPARED BY THE
UNFORTUNATELY WELL-KNOWN SECURITY FORCES OF ARGENTINA,
WHICH DEPEND FROM THE ARMED FORCES. THE MONTONERO
PARTY EMPHATICALLY REJECTS THOSE CHARGES.

QUOTE: ON THE CONTRARY, OUR PARTY MAINTAINS THE
FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES: NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES; THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF
THE PEOPLES IN THE BUILDING OF THEIR OWN FUTURE; THE FULL
ENFORCEMENT OF DEMOCRACY; AND CONSIDERS THAT ONLY THE
GREAT POPULAR MAJORITIES ARE THE DETERMINING FACTORS IN THE
SOCIO-POLITICAL MOVEMENTS OF EVERY COUNTRY AND NOT THE
SMALL, ISOLATED GROUPS WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATIVITY.

QUOTE: THESE GENERAL GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN EXACTED BY THE
ARGENTINE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY AND LATER
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SUMMED UP BY THE MONTONERO PARTY.

QUOTE: AT THE BEGINNING THE PARTY WAS A POLITICO-MILITARY
ORGANIZATION AND LATER IT BECAME THE PARTIDO
MONTONERO; IT HAS POPULAR AND NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS,
AS IT IS SHPED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PERONIST PARTY,
WHICH IMPLIES THE FACT THAT OUR OBJECTIVES ARE ALSO
SOCIAL JUSTICE, POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY AND ECONOMIC
INDEPENDENCE, HIGHLIGHTS OF AN AUTENTICALLY DEMOCRATIC
SYSTEM. BUT IN THE FACE OF THE AGGRESION THAT OUR PEOPLE
SUFFER FROM THE ARMED FORCES WHO ARE IMPLEMENTING A
TOTALLY REPRESSIVE ATTITUDE, WE MUST ANSWER BACK
FIGHTING WITH EVERY WEAPON AT OUR DISPOSAL.

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QUOTE: TO EMPHASIZE THIS ATTITUDE, WE REITERATE THE
FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING IN OUR COUNTRY:

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QUOTE: PERMANENT AND METHODOICAL VIOLATION OF HUMAN
RIGHTS; VERY LOW SALARIES; UNEMPLOYMENT; ECONOMIC
RECESSION; CONSTANT INFLATION; REPRESSION OF EVERY FORM OF
EXPRESSION BE IT POLITICAL, FROM TRADE UNION MOVEMENTS;
STUDENT GROUPS, SOCIAL OR CULTURAL BY MEANS OF TERROR.

QUOTE: IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, WE HAVE ADOPTED THE
LINE OF THOUGHT OF THE THIRD WORLD IN THE POLITICAL AND
IDEOLOGICAL SPHERES, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF NEWS WHICH
WE DO BY MEANS OF THE SECRETARIAT OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS HAS THE OBJECTIVE OF INFORMING-ON THE SITUATION
PREVAILING IN OUR COUNTRY TO OBTAIN THE SOLIDARITY OF THE
DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WITH THE ARGENTINE
PEOPLE, WHICH IS TODAY OPERATING IN THE RESISTENCE.

QUOTE: IN CLOSING WE ONCE AGAIN STATE HOW SORRY WE ARE ABOUT
THE SITUATION PREVAILING IN ITALY DUE TO THE KIDNAPPING OF
MR. ALDO MORO, A FACT THAT WE DO NOT EITHER JUSTIFY NOR TAKE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR, AND WE BEG YOU TO PLEASE GIVE PUBLICITY
TO SAID COMMUNIQUE. UNQUOTE.
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3. APPARENTLY PERSONALLY WRITTEN SIGATURE AT END IS THAT OF "J. GELMAN." (NOTE: JUAN GELMAN ACTS AS EUROPEAN SPOKESMAN FOR THE MONTONEROS -- HIS MOST RECENT PRONOUNCEMENT OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE WAS ON APRIL 5 IN MADRID.) HE SIGNS AS "PRESS SECRETARY GENERAL" OF THE "SECRETARIAT OF PRESS" OF THE "MONTONERO PARTY." ENVELOPE IN WHICH WE RECEIVED THE COMMUNICATION WAS CERTIFIED AND MAILED IN BUENOS AIRES AND CLEARLY POSTMAKRED MARACH 30, 1978. CASTRO

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